Pers. Sikes Robert L. F.

Approved For Release 2005/01/05: CIA-RDP75-00149R00070P260004-96 16, 1967

TI 1390

Mr. PATMAN. Mr. Speaker, the Nation is shocked and grieved to hear that at 10:30 last night an explosion occurred at the Lone Star Ammunition Plant at Texarkana, Tex., an installation wholly owned by the U.S. Army. Early reports are that 11 civilian employees have been killed and 20 or more injured by this tragic accident.

I am sure that I reflect the sentiments of the entire Congress in expressing my deep and heartfelt sympathy to the families and friends of the dead and injured. We do not at this time know the precise cause of this terrible accident, but it is a challenge for all Americans to do everything possible to prevent such explosions resulting in death and injury in the future. We must redouble our efforts for safety and make sure that every possible precaution and safety measure is used protect our people, particularly in these dangerous occupations made necessary at this time by our involvement in the Vietnamese conflict.

The injured and the loved ones of all who have been killed or injured in this catastrophe must receive special consideration by their Government so far as it is possible in an earthly way to compensate for losses that are by their nature irreparable, for nothing can be placed in the balance against the loss of life and physical impairment. I trust and hope that the Congress and the executive departments will do everything within their power to alleviate the great suffering caused by this dreadful disaster.

CIA FUNDS SEND U.S. COLLEGE STU-DENTS TO WORLD STUDENT CON-FERENCES

(Mr. SIKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, the CIA has provided funds to send U.S. college students to world student conferences.

So what?

How else would it have been possible for them to attend conferences heavily packed with Soviet youth? Is it not important that an American viewpoint be presented at such meetings? Is it not important that free world opinion be expressed at these meetings?

Would the membership of the Congress prefer to have only Communist representation at these meetings? Communists do not hesitate to send their young people to youth conferences throughout the world. Included in their groups are U.S. citizens.

Why does someone not criticize this?

Everybody knows the Communists are concentrating their efforts to reach and influence the minds of young people. The West does little enough to counter these efforts. Let us not back off and leave the field entirely open to them.

Someone wants to investigate the CIA. Why not investigate Communist activities on the campuses of America? This is a much more fertile field.

SUBMARINE

(Mr. BROOKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute, to revise and extend his remarks, and to include extraneous mat-

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, during the past two decades the world has witnessed one of the truly remarkable achievements of this Nation's inventive and productive genius. The vast potentials of nuclear propulsion and advanced missile design were blended to give America and the free world a revolutionary new defense system—the Polaris submarine.

Countless advanced and previously untested processes, novel techniques, and seemingly impossible standards of design and manufacture were united into a single concept. From this concept emerged America's growing fleet of Polaris submarines. These ships, which routinely patrol in the oceans of the world, are our most effective deterrent to aggression. They are a vital striking force for peace.

Development of our Polaris submarines reflects credit upon the many thousands of individuals in Government and private industry who contributed to the exacting and complex task of designing and building them. And, there are those individuals of past decades who brought to perfection many of the systems and designs that constitute an integral part of these submarines. full recognition of these contributions, both past and contemporary, does not diminish the debt we owe to one individual whose genius, perseverance and capacity for hard work were principally responsible for the success of our Polaris submarine program. I speak of Adm. Hyman G. Rickover.

As so often in the past, our Nation has benefited by the leadership of the right man at the right place at the right time, dedicated to the task before him and wholly unswayed and undeterred by any

possible hindrance.

It is in recognition of this concept that the U.S. Navy at the time our first Polaris submarine, the U.S.S. George Washington, was launched, adopted the policy of naming these ships in honor of individuals who have contributed significantly to the betterment of this Na-

With two score of Polaris submarines now in our active fleet, their names constitute a rollcall of the most notable individuals in our history. The lives of these men-their words, their actions, and their deeds-reflect the full spectrum of American tradition. Their actions at times of crisis are the clearest manifestation of the true value of responsible and effective leadership to a free people.

As our Polaris submarines have been commissioned, Admiral Rickover has studied the lives of the famous Americans whose names they bear. In this effort, he has applied the same care and

NAMING OF THE POLARIS-TYPE resourcefulness as in the design and development of the submarines themselves. At the time each submarine was commissioned, he used this as an occasion to address letters to our public leaders and Members of Congress outlining the principal contributions of the individual in whose honor the particular submarine was named. These letters are of potential interest to many thousands of Americans who have not had the opportunity to read them. Moreover, they reflect the valuable lessons of history, the continuing need for sacrifice in defense of liberty and independence. They reflect the real meaning of patriotism—not in some abstract form but as individual Americans in time of public need have actually reacted to the benefit of this Nation.

In keeping with the value of these letters and the interest many thousands of Americans have in them, I am introducing today a House concurrent resolution providing that they be printed as a House Document; which follows:

H. CON. RES. 213

Resolved by the House of Representatives, (the Senate concurring), That there be printed as a House document the letters of Vice Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, United States Navy, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives relating to the distinguished Americans in whose honor the United States Navy Polaris nuclear submarines were named. The copy for such House document shall be prepared under the supervision of the Joint Committee on Print-

SEC. 2. In addition to the usual number, there shall be printed 10,000 additional copies of such House document, of which 4,000 copies shall be for the use of the Senate, and 6,000 copies shall be for the use of

the House of Representatives.

TAX DEDUCTION FOR POLLUTION-CONTROL FACILITIES

(Mr. POOL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POOL. Mr. Speaker, today I have introduced a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to encourage the construction of pollution control facilities by permitting the deduction of expenditures for this purpose in the year the expense is incurred. At present, the tax code only permits a depreciation deduction to be taken over a period of time based on the estimated useful life of the facility. My bill would provide an alternative method of deduction, and the taxpayer would have the option of selecting the method he prefers.

The reason for my tax incentive proposal is the urgency of pollution-control measures. This legislation would include deduction of expenditures for the construction, erection, installation, or acquisition of air and water pollutioncontrol facilities which meet standards

set forth by the Government.

I believe that private industry must be given a greater incentive to play voluntarily a leading role in air and water pollution prevention. Through my tax incentive proposal, business and industry will be encouraged to commence their